

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
LYME ON ITS BICENTENNIAL AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the historic Town of Lyme on its bicentennial anniversary.

The Town of Lyme was formed in 1818 from lands once part of the Town of Brownville, and was named by a former resident of Lyme, Connecticut. Over the past two centuries, the Lyme has given up parts of its land to form other towns, like the Town of Clayton, just as Brownville did for Lyme. Due to its location near the water ways of Lake Ontario, the town became a prime location for industry, settlement, and expansion. The waterways near the town continue to have a positive impact on the town's economy today.

In addition to Lyme's impressive economic development, Lyme's residents are known for their patriotism and service in the military. Some of the town's earliest settlers were veterans of the American Revolution and War of 1812, and since then residents have fought in the Patriot's War, the Civil War, both World Wars, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Town of Lyme on its 200th anniversary. I wish all the residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2018 ASIAN-AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXCEL-
LENCE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2018 Excellence Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for Asian Pacific American-owned businesses in the Washington, D.C. region. Northern Virginia has a robust international business community, and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation.

The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our regional culture, as well as our economic strength and stability. In fact, Asian-American businesses generate more than 52 percent of total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region. In Fairfax County, approximately 25,000 businesses are Asian-owned and generate approximately \$9 billion in annual revenue, creating 54,000 jobs.

Each year, the AACC recognizes individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the 2018 Excellence award recipients.

Community Leader of the Year—Marianne Brackney

Public Servant of the Year—Mark Keam
Mentors of the Year—Dr. Jamie Younghee Sheen, Steven Chen

Partners of the Year—Simon Malls, 2941 Restaurant

Nonprofit of the Year—Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc.; Asian-American Homeownership Counseling, Inc.

New Business of the Year—Office Evolution-Tyson's Corner

Restaurant of the Year—Peking Gourmet Inn

Young Entrepreneur of the Year—Ting Shih, Timothy Hwang

Small Business of the Year—Language on Demand, Inc.; Mobomo

Company of the Year—Wedding Wire, Inc.; Subsystem Technologies, Inc.

Women-Owned Business of the Year—Cognosante, SmartGurlz

International Business of the Year—Hyundai Motor of America, Washington D.C.

Business Leader of the Year—Syngman Rhee

Chairman's Award—Stephanie Shei

President's Award—Wonhee Kang

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2018 Excellence Awards and in commending the AACC for its work to support all Asian-American owned businesses throughout our region.

HONORING THE WINE SPECTATOR
LEARNING CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to recognize the opening of the Wine Spectator Learning Center for the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University.

The Wine Spectator Learning Center has transformed the previous University Commons building into a state of the art facility complete with three advanced-technology classrooms, student commons, a cafe and garden areas and meeting spaces for students, faculty and business leaders.

The Wine Spectator Learning Center is a world class facility in which the next generation of California wine leaders can learn and grow through the Wine Business Institute. The Institute was established in 1996 as a public-private partnership for education and research within the School of Business and Economics at Sonoma State University. Sonoma State University is the first college or university in the United States to offer programs and degrees specializing in the business of wine, which is immensely important to our local economy. Additionally, the School of Business and Economics is the first in the world to offer an executive-level wine business degree.

The Wine Business Institute, besides educating students, hosts conferences and symposia to the benefit of individual wine industry professionals, including winemakers, viticulturists, distributors and vineyard owners. The Wine Business Institute also provides programs and activities that help the wine industry evolve to meet the challenges of an increasingly fast-paced world. The Institute is particularly well-situated to address changing

public policies and regulations and assist the industry in adapting to them.

Mr. Speaker, the Wine Business Institute has had a great effect on the wine industry both in California and worldwide, and I am confident that the addition of the Wine Spectator Learning Center will only continue to benefit our great district. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the continued success of the Wine Business Institute and the Wine Spectator Learning Center here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE NAACP IN FAIR-
FAX COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County NAACP and the Tinner Hill Foundation on this momentous occasion. This year we are celebrating 100 years of involvement of the NAACP in Fairfax County and the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Tinner Hill Foundation.

In 1915, threatened by the imposition of a new ordinance that would impose segregation in Falls Church, a group of African American men led by Joseph Tinner and Edwin Bancroft Henderson organized in opposition to this threat to their community. Even though serious threats of harm or death had been made by Ku Klux Klan members against Mr. Henderson, he and the other founding members of what was then known as the Colored Citizens Protection League and what would evolve into the Fairfax Chapter of the NAACP would not be intimidated. They chose to stand to fight for their rights and those of their neighbors. Since that time, the NAACP has worked for not only the civil rights of African-Americans in Fairfax County, but for the dignity and worth of every member of our community.

I have been proud to stand with the Fairfax NAACP on these issues and have counted them as a partner throughout my career in public service. One project I am especially proud of is our work to create a Civil Rights archive to enshrine the history of our own community's efforts and struggles during that time. While the campaigns led by Dr. King in the Deep South were pivotal in the fight for equal rights, the injustices of racism and Jim Crow were not confined to those areas. African-American citizens of Fairfax County also faced discrimination and endured harsh treatment and abuse. This was at the hands of an entrenched white majority which had no plans on relinquishing the power they wanted desperately to maintain.

Yet, as Dr. King would later do, the early founders of the Fairfax NAACP carried on and prevailed in the face of what must have seemed like overwhelming odds. Our community is better now because of that victory and the ones that would follow, and it is right this history be recounted and remembered for and by future generations. More recently, the Fairfax County NAACP has focused its efforts on combating voter suppression and criminal justice reform, two issues which show despite the successes of the Civil Rights movement, much more work still remains to build a truly equal and just society. In Fairfax County, one of the